

TRAFFIC ADVISORY



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Overnight Traffic Delay Planned for I-5 on March 27 in Pacoima

San Fernando Valley — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) will implement a traffic break in both directions of the Golden State Freeway (I-5) at Branford Street on Sunday, March 27. Motorists traveling between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. may be delayed for up to 10 minutes while crews remove electrical wiring. The work is part of a \$140-million improvement project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. This closure is subject to change.

About the Project

This project involves the construction of an HOV lane in each direction on I-5 between the Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) and SR-118, a distance of 6.8 miles (3.4 miles in each direction). It will also widen four undercrossings, replace sections of pavement, and reconstruct the mixed-flow connector to build a direct HOV connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. A direct HOV connector allows for freeway-to-freeway transfers without exiting the carpool lane.

This project will alleviate congestion, encourage carpooling, improve air quality, and provide a smoother ride for motorists. The work is part of Caltrans' effort to provide motorists with a seamless carpool lane network in California.

Work began in August 2010 and is on track to wrap up in the spring of 2013. Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and understanding during construction.

For more information, motorists can call the toll-free I-5 Hotline at (855) 454-6335 or check out the project web page:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/travel/projects/details.php?id=49>

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